

BEST AVAILABLE COPY**Market Up Currently Amended Claims**

1. (Currently amended) In combination with a whirlpool bathtub, said whirlpool bathtub having a tub, the tub having an inside surface, a closed loop plumbing system, a housing assembly component, a water pump and an output jet, a suction and purification device comprising: a porous faceplate having a chemical dispenser; said porous faceplate having drainage openings in the lower peripheral edge; and wherein said chemical dispenser is in axial alignment with said faceplate and located adjacent to a front surface of said faceplate.

4. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said suction and purification device further comprises (means functioning to) a cavitation port to inhibit a suction force caused by said pump if said faceplate is missing or if said faceplate is improperly attached to said housing assembly component.

8. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said faceplate further comprises a pop off design (whereby a tool is not required to remove it).

13. (Currently amended) In combination with a whirlpool bathtub, said whirlpool bathtub having a tub, the tub having an inside surface, a closed loop plumbing system, a housing assembly component, a water pump and an output jet, a suction and purification device comprising: a faceplate means functioning to filter substantially large debris from entering said closed loop plumbing system; said faceplate means having a dispensing means, said faceplate means having water drainage passages in the lower peripheral edge; said dispensing means functioning to discharge antimicrobial chemicals into said closed loop plumbing system; and wherein said dispensing means is in axial alignment with said faceplate means and located adjacent to a front surface of said faceplate means.

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19. The apparatus of claim (17) 18, wherein said one or more openings may vary in size, configuration, and location.